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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, as we approach this Father's Day weekend, we praise You that You are our Heavenly Father from whom we learn what true fatherhood really means. You exemplify the perfect blend of admonition and affirmation, discipline and nurture, encouragement and inspiration.

May this Father's Day be more than a celebration honoring fathers, but a day of calling fathers to their responsibility for the spiritual and character formation of their children. In this time of dropout dads and absentee fathers, when 21 million children in America live without a father in their homes, we ask You to instigate a father movement.

Bless the families of our land. Stir fathers who have abdicated their leadership. When fathers are silent about their faith, children miss the strength and courage of learning how to trust You with the ups and downs of life. We need a great spiritual awakening. Thank You for waking up the fathers of the land and for a Father's Day dedicated to the recovery of the role of strong fathers to love their wives and their children. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, the distinguished Senator from Tennessee, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will resume consideration of the Department of Defense authorization bill.

It is hoped that Members who wish to offer amendments to the defense bill will come to the floor during today's session to offer and debate their amendments under short time agreements.

The majority leader has announced that there will be no votes during today's session. Therefore, any votes ordered with respect to the DOD bill, or any other legislative or executive items, will be postponed to occur at a later date.

The leader would like to remind Members that the Independence Day recess is fast approaching and therefore the cooperation of all Members will be necessary to make progress on a number of important items, including appropriations bills, any available conference reports, the Higher Education Act, the DOD authorization bill, and any other legislative or executive items that may be cleared for action.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

I yield the floor.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the unfinished business.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2057) to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Feinstein amendment No. 2405, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Indian nuclear tests.

Brownback amendment No. 2407 (to amendment No. 2405), to repeal a restriction on the provision of certain assistance and other transfers to Pakistan.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FRIST). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. THURMOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina is recognized.

Mr. THURMOND. I ask unanimous consent that the cost estimate for S. 2057 prepared by the Congressional Budget Office be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, June 9, 1998.

Hon. STROM THURMOND,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for S. 2057, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL,
Director.

Enclosure.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE, JUNE 9, 1998

S. 2057: NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999, AS REPORTED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES ON MAY 11, 1998

SUMMARY

S. 2057 would authorize appropriations for 1999 for the military functions of the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Energy (DOE). It also would prescribe personnel strengths for each active duty and selected reserve component of the U.S. armed forces. Assuming appropriation of the

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